

Arm Yourself For The Will Of God

Most all of us Christ followers readily embrace the reality of Christ's suffering. We may even find comfort in the fact that He suffered for us. But we seem to draw the line at the idea that we should be willing to suffer, or even rejoice in the midst of suffering. This is a proposition too difficult for most people to accept. Yet that is the message of the gospel. Christ endured the wrath of God and suffered on the cross of Calvary in our place that we might endure the suffering of this world and stand in victory for His glory.

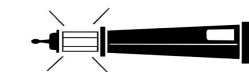
Peter begins 1Peter 1 defining who he is writing to by saying, "To God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen..." Who is Peter writing to? He is writing to Christians... you and me. So what's Peter's point? Peter goes on in chapter 4 to write, here's what God wants you, the elect, to know, "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us (you and me) in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he (you and me) who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. (Vv1-2)

Easier said than done? Yup! That is why Peter says we must "arm" ourselves with the mind of Christ. The ability to journey the road of suffering while giving God glory can only be accomplished as we walk in Christ living with and displaying His attitude. This does not mean we enjoy life's testing times, but it does mean we can rejoice in the midst of difficult moments.

Here's how you can rejoice in trying times - Rest in the truth that the same resurrection power that frees you from the slavery of sin, and gives you the ability to live according to God's will, also sustains you in the midst of suffering. He really is working for your good and His glory, so don't waste the tough times. Embrace His will.

As you start out each day Thank Jesus for enduring the cross for your sins. Then, ask Him to help you have a Christ-like attitude and to walk according to His will, even when you face those tough times.

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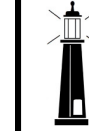
"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." ~Matthew 5:16

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00 AM
	Morning Assembly	10:00 AM
Wednesday	Mid-Week Bible Study	7:00 PM

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"You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hidden"
~Matthew 5:14

Fairlawn Family Focus

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Newsletter of the Fairlawn church of Christ since 1971!!

Jan. 28, 2018



Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you came our way; please let us get to know you better. Please take the time to sign the guest registry in the foyer. There is a carry-in fellowship dinner some Sunday mornings after services—Please stay as our honored guests, and let us get to know you better.

Here, we strive to follow Jesus as he is seen in the New Testament. We pray, study, sing, and take communion together in order to grow closer to God and to each other.

We would love to have you grow with us toward Christ. If we can help you, in any way, please talk to us. The telephone numbers of our elders, deacons, and minister can be found within this bulletin. We hope to see you again soon and often!

FROM THE PULPIT

01-28-18 A.M.
"ALWAYS AND NEVER"
(Colossians 1:9)

Full Congregation Carry-In Lunch

01-28-18 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

02-04-18 A.M.
"I'M DOING IT NOW"
(Romans 12:1-2)

02-04-18 P.M.
SUNDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER



Reminder...
There will be a
Full Congregation Carry-In Lunch TODAY,
(Jan. 28th), following the morning service. Please stay and join us for fellowship.



Prayer List



Donald Henderson

Teddy Ray

~We were informed that **Lewis Green**, age 91, passed away on Jan. 20th. Please keep his family in your prayers, as they deal with the loss of him. *Correction to earlier info....his late sister's name was Lois (not his daughter's name). He had four children. (Lewis Green and family attended Fairlawn back in the 1970's until approx. 1994, when he moved to Florida.)*

~**Larry Calvert** requests prayers for **Anna Funk**, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for her healing.

~We extend our sympathy and prayers to **J.T. Heath** and family in the loss of J.T.'s brother, **Dan**, who passed away recently. Please keep this family in your prayers, as they deal with their loss.

~Several in our number have been ill with colds, etc. such as **Faye Buchanan, Paul Cunningham, and Judy Monroe**. Please pray for them to have quick recoveries.

~**Rick & Carol Clay** requests prayers for **Rick's 96-year-old mom**, who was hospitalized Jan. 7th with pneumonia. As of Jan. 9th, she was doing better, but still hospitalized and receiving breathing treatments. Please pray for her continued improvement and full recovery.

~**Tim & Jenny Leach** requests continued prayers for their grandson, **Josh**. He is in the Special Forces in the military, and he has been deployed to one of the world's "hot spots." Please pray for God's protection over him.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers

for her sister, **Susan**, (in Michigan), who had to see a retina specialist on Jan. 11th. (She is losing vision.) *(Update: She was to have a procedure done on Tues., Jan. 23rd, which would involve having a needle put into her eye. Please pray for her good results and that they can stop the progression of her vision loss.)*

~**Diane Stricklin** requests continued prayers for **Miranda Olinger**, who had surgery to remove a nodule and cancer was found. *Update: She'll be having scans and labs every 3 months to monitor her condition for now. She appreciates and thanks everyone for their love, support, and prayers for her. (Miranda was a part of KOIN and attended Fairlawn when in town. She has graduated and currently lives in Wabash, IN.)*

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jim Sharkitt**, who has lymphoma and is receiving treatments. His prognosis is good, and his doctors think the chemo will take care of it. Please also keep his kids, **John** and **Liz** in your prayers.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests continued prayers for her cousin, **Sandy Toco**, who accidentally got her fingers caught in her lawnmower and two of her fingers were partially cut off. *Update: Sandy had surgery on her hand on Jan. 11th. Please pray for her healing and recovery.*

~Continued prayers are requested for **Emily Heath**, who has been at Bethel Pointe for physical rehab. following injuries she sustained from a fall back in Oct. Please pray for her continued improvement and full recovery, and pray for **J.T.** as well.

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~Continued fervent prayers are requested for **Jared & Cristy Abels and family**, as **Cristy** continues her battle with stage 4 lung cancer. *Cards would be appreciated: Jared & Cristy Abels, 1709 Pheasant Roost, Austin, TX 78758*

~**Angie Walls** requests your continued prayers for healing for her sister, **Clara Smallwood**, who is receiving chemo treatments for a rare form of cancer.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~**Anderson Christian School**—Financial support needed.
 ~**Fran Bailey**, Lois Schlagel's sister-in-law—Serious illness.
 ~**Fancey Baker**—In the Navy.
 ~**Shelly Baker**, Linda Monroe's daughter & Fancey's mom—M.S.
 ~**Beau Bell**, Michelle Cook's brother—Parkinson's disease-aggressive.

~**Jeanne Brumfield**, the Stricklin's friend—Breast cancer treatments.
 ~**Netta Eastman**, Nancy Friedrich's friend—brain cancer.
 ~**David Ferrell**, Debbie Huston's brother—Strokes, recovery.
 ~**Chuck Flickinger**, Lois Schlagel's son-in-law, rehab. from accident.
 ~**Nancy Friedrich, her sister Susan, bro-in-law Rick**-cancer, **her sister Peggy**, & **her brother Joe**—health struggles, **her sister-in-law, Susan**—bladder cancer, **her great niece, Kylee**-difficult family situation, **her brother, Michael & family**—difficult long-term situation, & **her great niece, Evelyn**-brain issue.

~**Josh Gray's** family & friends.
 ~**Beth Haffner**—Throat cancer.
 ~**Margaret Hibbard**—Annetta Hill's brother's mother-in-law-Alzheimer's.
 ~**Ashley Hill**—(Don & Annetta's ex-daughter-in-law)—Serious illness.
 ~**Don Hill**—Parkinson's disease.
 ~**Dan Huston**, Debbie Huston's hus-

Prayer List Cont'd

band—Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.
 ~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.
 ~**Japie Mare**, Stacey Zimmerman's grandpa (in S. Africa)-Prostate cancer.
 ~**Moriah McMurtry**, 24 yr. old cousin of Katy Alsman—Paralyzed from viral meningitis.
 ~**Marie Melson**, Marty Stricklin's aunt—Colon cancer/treatments.
 ~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.
 ~**Miranda Olinger** (formerly attended KOIN)—Cancer
 ~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.
 ~**Angie Reed**—M.S.
 ~**Keya Sartin** (formerly attended KOIN)—Brain tumor.
 ~**Sally Sloan**, Jenny Leach's sister—Leukemia.
 ~**Clara Smallwood**, Angie Walls' sister--Rare form of cancer/chemo.



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Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in January & February



<u>Date</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Jan. 31	Mike Monroe	Harold & Shirley Criswell

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 ~Romans 12:2

Vision Statement

Jesus is alive in us. We live by faith. Our purpose is to make disciples by showing love, giving service and speaking truth. Jesus expects our destiny to be heaven. Dying to ourselves... we always hope, always trust and always, always live for Him.

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PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!!

The pantry is in need of the following item(s) this month:

- Brownie Mix/Cake Mix**
- Cake Frosting**
- Canned Fruit**
- Cornbread Mix**
- Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- Jelly**
- Pancake Mix**
- Spaghetti Sauce**

This week's pantry volunteer on call:
Dale Lawrence



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